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SUBJECT: OPOSITION TRACT

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1. DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE GAVE ME COPY OF OPPOSITION TRACT THAT
CIRCULATED AFTER JUNE 30 ABORTIVE COUP. IT IS FIRST EVIDENCE
I HAVE SEEN THAT ORGANIZED OPPOSITION NOW EXISTS. TRACT IS
ENTITLED "STATEMENT TO CLAIRFY TRUTH OF JUNE 30 UPRISING" AND
DATED JULY 17. IT IS SIGNED BY SECRET COMMITTEE
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OF JUNE 30 UPRISING. FOLLOWING IS ROUGH TRANSLATION:

2. "PURPOSE OF JUNE 30 UPRISING WAS TO END DEVIATION OF INDIVIDUAL RULE OF TRAITOROUS SADDAM HUSSEIN GROUP AND THEIR ATTEMPT TO LIQUIDATE REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS REPRESENTED BY SALAH TIKRITI AND ABDUL KHALIQ AS-SAMMARAIE. UNDER SADDAM RULE UNITY HAS BECOME A SOLOGAN, FREEDOM HAS BECOME DICTATORSHIP AND TERROR, AND SOCIALISM HAS BECOME ENRICHEMENT OF FEW AT EXPENSE OF MASSES. OTHER DEVIATIONS ARE "RED NIGHT" (ORGIES), EXPENSIVE MERCEDES, PLEASURE TRIPS AND BOURGEOIS MENTALITY. CHANGE BECAME A NECESSITY.

3. "AIMS OF JUNE 30 UPRISING ARE TO MAINTAIN UNITY, REFORM PARTY AND ELIMINATE BOURGEOIS THINKING. POSITIONS IN PARTY MUST BE RESTORED OF SALAH TIKRITY, ABDUL KHALIQ AS-SAMMARIE, ABDUL KARIM SHEIKHLY, SALAH MAHDI AMMASH, AND ABDALLAH SALOUM. DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS SHOULD BE HELD WITHIN PARTY AND ACTIVITIES OF CULTURAL OFFICE EXPANDED. IN ADDITION, PERMANENT CONSTITUTION, NATIONAL ELECTIONS, NATIONAL FRONT, AND FREE ELECTION IN UNIONS AND FEDERATION SHOULD ALL COME ABOUT. KURDISH MASSES SHOULD BE DEALT WITH DIRECTLY RATHER THAN THROUGH KDP.

4. "OUR AIMS ARE ALSO TO INCREASE SALARIES, REDUCE PRICE, DPOSE OF ALL MERCEDES, VOLVIS, AND RENAULTS AND REPLACE THEM WITH JEEPS USING PROCEEDS FOR ARMS, FREE EDUCATION, INCREASED JOB FOR GRADUATES. PART OF ARMY SHOULD BE SENT TO EASTERN FRONT. MORE MILITARY MANEUVERS SHOULD BE HELD AND SOLDIERS SALARIES INCREASED. STEEL AND RELATED INDUSTRIES SHOULD BE DEVELOPED INSTEAD OF CONSUMER GOODS. FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF LAND.

5. "OUR SECRET GROUP WITHIN THE PARTY AND THE STATE WILL ASSASSINATE THE TRAITORS IF MARCH OF PARTY AND REVOLUTION IS NOT CORRECTED. GLORY AND JOY TO OUR MARTYRS. END QUOTE.

6. COMMENT: TRACT, BY PROMISING SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, APPEARS TO MORE A BLATANT APPEAL FOR SUPPORT BY BAATH FACTION RATHER THAN STATEMENT OF SERIOUS IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES. ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT SEEN TRACT, EGYPTIAN CHARGE BARAKA BELIEVES OPPOSITION WITHIN PARTY TO BAKR/SADDAM REGIME IS VERY SMALL MINORITY THAT WILL IN TIME BE WIPE OUT. HE IS EQUALY CONVINCED THAT ARMY UNDER FIRM CONTROL OF REGIME AS RESULT SADDAM'S EARLIER POLICY OF PLACING
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YOUNG BAATHIST OFFICERS IN KEY POSITIONS.

7. MENTION OF AMMASH IN TRACT HELPS EXPLAIN MANY RUMORS ABOUT HIS FATE. DUTCH CHARGE TOLD ME HIS GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN AGREEMENT FOR AMMASH TO COME TO THE HAGUE AS AMBASSADOR, BUT SOVIET CHARGE HAD TOLD DUTCH THAT AMMASH BE IN MOSCOW FOR SEVERAL MORE MONTHS.

8. FRENCH AMBASSADOR TOLD ME THAT AT LEAST ONE HIGH RANKING
BAATH LEADER IS NOW SAYING THAT SOVIETS KNEW IN ADVANCE OF
JUN 30 COUP ATTEMPT.

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